MEET URBAN ANTHROPOLOGIST IDALINA BAPTISTA

Dr Idalina Baptista is our newest member of academic staff, joining us as a University Lecturer in Urban Anthropology (a joint appointment with the School of Anthropology & Museum Ethnography). She brings to the Department an impressive diversity of international teaching and research experience.

‘My work operates at the intersection of urban theory and governance theory, investigating the geographical sites of knowledge production, what it means to govern the city, how different forms of infrastructure governance emerge and the patterns of urbanisation, citizens, and livelihoods they engender.’

To read more about Idalina (and to learn more about Urban Anthropology), see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/idalinabaptista

ALAN HUDSON WINS MAGNOLIA GOLD AWARD

Alan Hudson, Director of our Leadership Programmes for China, has won a prestigious Shanghai Magnolia Gold Award for outstanding contributions to the city of Shanghai.

‘I am honoured to receive this award from the Mayor of Shanghai. I am pleased that Oxford’s Programme for Leadership and Public Policy has been able to contribute to the development of the great city of Shanghai. I look forward to the next stage of our collaboration and the furthering of the internationalisation of the city through the new Free Trade Zone.’

For the full story, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/magnoliagold

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MSt INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

The Brunsfield Foundation in Kuala Lumpur has provided funding for a full scholarship each year for a candidate from an ASEAN country to study on the MSt in International Human Rights Law. Banco Santander S.A. is also providing three scholarship awards per annum, each of £10,000, for the Master’s programme.

For eligibility criteria for these, and other scholarships available for the programme, see: humanrightslaw.conted.ox.ac.uk/MStIHRL/fees/index.php#brunsfield

humanrightslaw.conted.ox.ac.uk/MStIHRL/fees/index.php#santander

EVENTS

Annual Charles Simonyi Lecture
8 November 2013 at 5pm
Oxford Playhouse

‘Of microbes and men: tales of the small game hunter’ – this year’s Charles Simonyi Lecture welcomes Ian Lipkin the ‘World’s Greatest Virus Hunter’ (Discover Magazine). For full information, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/simonyi2013

Graduate Humanities Open Day
8 November 2013

The Department will be showcasing our part-time Oxford postgraduate qualifications as part of the University’s open day for prospective graduate students. For more information and to register, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/GraduateHumanitiesOpenDay

The Mick Aston Landscape Archaeology Lecture
6 December 2013

The Department is sponsoring an annual lecture on landscape archaeology in memory of Mick Aston, who died earlier this year. Mick was a tutor in local studies in the Department, and was well known as the resident academic on the Channel 4 television series *Time Team* from 1994 to 2011. For more information, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V400-355

VIEWING

2013 Open Day sessions

A selection of the Department’s 2013 Open Day sessions are available to watch online: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/opendaylive

Faith Matters

The Rev’d Dr Robin Gibbons, Director of Studies in Theology and Religious Studies, gave a talk *Working with Christ* as part of the ‘Faith Matters’ series for the Archdiocese of Westminster. You can watch a video of the talk online at: vimeo.com/77127786
HILLFORT UNEARTHED IN WEEKLY CLASS

Professor Gary Lock’s 2010 weekly class Understanding Iron Age Hillforts yielded unexpected treasure when one of the students announced that he and his wife had a hillfort on their land in North Wales. Moel-y-Gaer Bodfari is just on the edge of an area where a major project on hillforts had been running for several years. The first phase of the project concentrated on surveying the site, both geophysical and earthwork survey, followed by two seasons of excavation in 2012 and 2013. For more information, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/hillfort

PREHISTORIC PITS YIELD RARE FINDS

Our East Oxford Archaeology Project (Archeox) team had a two week excavation in October on the edge of the Thames floodplain at Donnington Recreation ground, near Iffley. A geophysical survey earlier this year revealed a cluster of probable pits of prehistoric origins; these were explored by volunteers and students, with some very good quality flint artifacts, such as a beautiful scraper, being found – along with later material from the topsoil such as Roman pottery. Most of the flints found were Neolithic or Bronze Age (c. 3000-1500 BC) but a provisional look at the material suggests there may even be some Mesolithic evidence here (c.5000-3000 BC). The general area between Iffley and the city is known for producing prehistoric evidence. To learn more, please see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/iffleypit

STUDENTS SHOWCASE EXCAVATIONS’ ‘FINDS’

Artifacts found as a result of East Oxford Archaeology Project (Archeox) excavations at Bartlemas Leper Hospital and Minchery Priory were put on display at Oxford’s Pitt Rivers Museum in mid-October. The one-day exhibition was the result of a collaboration between Archeox and year-one students from the Oxford Brookes School of Architecture, who designed the exhibit displays. For more information, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/pitrivers

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Two Art History online courses, and professional development in the health sciences are among new programmes on offer

Art Nouveau Across Europe
Online course, starts 20 January 2014
From Paris to Moscow and from Glasgow to Barcelona, this course examines the richness and variety of European Art Nouveau. Please see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/v350-245

The Impressionists: Painting Modern Life
Online course, starts 15 January 2014
Introduces the ground breaking group of painters in nineteenth-century France. Please see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/v350-246

Pluripotent Stem Cell Technology Practical Workshop
9 – 11 December 2013
Offered in conjunction with The James Martin Stem Cell Facility and the Oxford Stem Cell Institute at the University, this course combines seminars with hands-on sessions to offer state-of-the-art teaching in stem cells. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/stemcells

OPEN DAY PRIZE DRAW

Congratulations to April Connett, Magdalen Batten and Pennie Kennedy, winners of our prize draw at our 2013 Open Day. April, Magdalen and Pennie have their choice of a free course from our weekly, online or day and weekend events.

On 26 September 2013 we welcomed over 500 guests at Rewley House for the Open Day. To see the programme, and to watch recordings of selected sessions, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/openday
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KAREN SAMUELS
An old schoolhouse pushed alumna Karen Samuels to undertake formal study on our Advanced Diploma in Local History

‘Ten years ago I was driven by curiosity to see an old one-room schoolhouse that was slated for demolition. Our local school district owned the abandoned 200 year old school and declared that the upkeep was a nuisance. That visit marked the beginning of my obsession with the study of local history.

‘The old school stood as a peaceful sanctuary in a rural setting. Care had been taken in the placement of the field stone in the building of the school structure. It was obvious, even to a layman like me, that it was built by a skilled artisan.

‘There is something enthralling about trying to determine how people in the past lived, worked, fed themselves, thought about relationships, and on and on. These are great mysteries that necessitate gathering clues from limited sources... the investigation of history is wide open to anyone willing to do the proper research with an unbiased approach.’

Read Karen’s full story, and learn about her recently published book, on our website: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/karensamuels

PASBYS PRIZE AWARDED
The first-ever Pasby Prize was awarded to MSt Creative Writing student Susan Campbell at an award ceremony in September at Rewley House.

The Prize, generously funded by a friend of the Department’s Master’s in Creative Writing programme, Lisa Sargood, is named in honour of Ms Sargood’s grandfather, Frank H Pasby, who was passionate about literature. The Prize, an award of £500, is presented to the student on the course who receives the highest mark at the end of the first year.

Said Susan Campbell ‘What an extraordinary honour to be the recipient of this prize. I will do my best to honour the memory of Frank H Pasby and live up to the generosity of Lisa Sargood in my commitment to the second year of this course and to my writing.’ Read the full story at: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/pasbywinner

UNFAIR TREATMENT OF FAITH GROUPS ‘PERSISTS’, FINDS STUDY
Ten years after England and Wales’ first law against religious discrimination, a project reveals institutions are making progress but that reports of unfair treatment from people of different religions or beliefs continue. Dr Naz Ghanea is part of a team authoring the report Religion and Belief, Discrimination and Equality in England and Wales: A Decade of Continuity and Change. For more information please see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/faithgroups

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS
The new Moira Barrie Award has been funded by Mr James and Mrs Moira Smith to support a student from the Department’s Master’s in Sustainable Urban Development. The award is £15,000 towards the overall costs of undertaking the course, which involves eight teaching weeks in the UK (Oxford and London) and is intended to help a candidate who would otherwise be unable to take part in the course.

In making this gift the Smiths are inspired by the work of Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus, pioneer in modern microcredit initiatives.

Said Mr and Mrs Smith, ‘Helping each other, through continuing education at a personal level, creates opportunity for individual advancement and the ability to contribute to the good of the local community. By providing direct support via education, we hope to promote opportunities for economic and social development of the candidate’s own local community or region.’ Barrie is a family name linked to Sir James Barrie, the Scottish writer.

To learn more about supporting the work of the Department, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/moibarrie

EARLY STUDENTS SET STANDARDS FOR TODAY
In the early years of the 20th century the Department, responding to student demand, introduced more rigour to its class offerings – and the tutorial class system was born. Pictured right is the first tutorial class at Rochdale in 1908, with tutor RH Tawney of Balliol College. The tutorial classes had an emphasis on class work, regular essays and final examinations. This helped to bring part-time education closer to the University’s full-time educational model, and formed the basis for the Department’s current accredited course offerings. For more about our history, see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/about/history/jointcommittee.php
In Brief

**Dr Martin Ruhs**, University Lecturer in Political Economy, calls for a rethink about migrant rights in three separate opinion pieces in the international press. See: [blogs.conted.ox.ac.uk/news/latest/article/date/2013/10/less-is-more-martin-ruhs-calls-for-a-rethink-about-migrant-rights/](http://blogs.conted.ox.ac.uk/news/latest/article/date/2013/10/less-is-more-martin-ruhs-calls-for-a-rethink-about-migrant-rights/)


In September 2014, Emeritus Professor Gary Lock, former Director of Studies for Archaeology will lead a tour, *Stonehenge, Avebury and Ancient Wessex - From henges to cathedrals: 4000 years of history*. The tour – one of a series run by Oxford University’s Alumni Office, is open to current students and alumni of any of the Department’s courses. See: [www.oxford-alumni-webapps.org/destination-55.html](http://www.oxford-alumni-webapps.org/destination-55.html)

The Department’s autumn **charity bake sale** raised £360 for Macmillan Cancer Support – many thanks to all who baked and bought.

Creative Writing

**MSt alumna Kiran Millwood Hargrave** has won the Yeovil Literary Prize for Poetry with her poem *Grace*. Her third collection, *Splitfish* (Gatehouse Press) was published in September. News of Kiran and other MSt students and alumni may be found on the MSt programme blog, at: [blogs.conted.ox.ac.uk/mstcw/?p=609](http://blogs.conted.ox.ac.uk/mstcw/?p=609)

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**Film Studies tutor Kiri Bloom Walden’s** new book, *British Film Studios*, tells the century-long story of the UK film industry. [bookshop.blackwell.co.uk/jsp/id/british_Film_Studios/9780747812845](http://bookshop.blackwell.co.uk/jsp/id/british_Film_Studios/9780747812845)

**Creative Writing tutor Jeremy Hughes** has published a new novel, *Wingspan*. [cillianpress.co.uk/wingspan/](http://cillianpress.co.uk/wingspan/)


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